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FOREWORD

We are a very well established, vertically integrated business based in Mid Wales. Originally founded on traditional agriculture – we have diversified over the past thirty years to provide you with the most exclusive sporting estates the UK has to offer.

The natural topography of the areas, combined with the elements, provide incredibly high birds which will challenge even the most accomplished of guns. Our days are seamlessly run to ensure maximum enjoyment for all, this begins with our luxury accommodation where you can enjoy fine dining created by our in-house chef.

Together with my family, and our expert and energetic team, we hope you enjoy discovering our portfolio within the forthcoming pages.

Gwyn Evans





DRIVEN SHOOTING

It was during the 17th century that driven shooting became a pastime of the gentry in the UK. It coincided with the evolution of engineering technology to create far more refined paired, double barrel guns. As shotgun design and manufacturing improved so did the attractiveness of game shooting especially amongst royalty and the wealthy landowners.

Over the past 30 years of our operation, we have seen the day evolve and expectations are growing not just in the quality of the shooting but also the hospitality and entire experience. This is something we strive to perfect at each estate.

On the shoot day, the team of 'Guns', typically 8 people, line out at numbered pegs along a 'drive'. Meanwhile, a group of 'beaters' and their dogs move through areas of woodland or covert, flushing the game to push the birds to break cover and fly high over the line of Guns to provide sporting shots.





A TYPICAL DAY

Meet at shoot lodge, briefing by host and drawing of pegs

First Drive

Light hospitality break

Second Drive

Eleveneses – normally a light bite of soup and local specialities accompanied by champagne, ideally served in the field if the weather is kind

Third Drive

Lunch at the lodge – if we don't 'shoot through' in which case lunch is then served at the end of the day. Each estate chef has their own signature dish.

Fourth Drive

Afternoon tea & depart

Each day is always filled with convivial, excited and sometimes nervous anticipation about the upcoming days shooting.







HOME ESTATES

Since Bettws Hall was founded thirty years ago, we have worked tirelessly to develop some of the most revered Sporting estates in the UK. The number of returning guests year after year is testament to the vigorous effort that we put into improving each estate on an ongoing basis.

The following pages are designed to give you a little taster of what each estate offers from a landscape, hospitality and sporting point of view. We cater for both full teams, and individual pegs in our roving syndicate and have bag sizes to suit your preference.



BETTWS HALL



BRIGANDS



KEMPTON



MAESMAWR
HALL



PLAS DINAM



VAYNOR
PARK







Bettws Hall is the home shoot and is where it all began. Famed for challenging and traditional driven pheasant shooting, it is set in beautiful rolling, tree-lined valleys and all just a stone's throw from our sporting lodges, allowing you to have a leisurely breakfast and in some cases stroll to the first drive, adding to the enjoyment of your day as you prepare for the abundance of quarry and a busy day in the field.

The recent growth of the estate has increased the number of drives further complementing our steadfast drives 'Vicarage' and 'Middle'.

COUNTY: Montgomeryshire

POST CODE: SY16 3DS

SEASON: 1st October – 1st February

QUARRY: Mixed; Pheasant, Partridge and Duck





- *Personal thoughts* -

"Bettws Hall was resplendent and certainly lived up to expectation; we had a fabulous day with the team and it was an ideal place to gather with my friends and family as the atmosphere and sport was the very best. It was a flawless day with every aspect taken care of. We have already booked for next season as it delivered all we hoped for."

A. Gwillam









The Brigands has been at the heart of the Bettws Hall portfolio for many years and has firmly established itself as one of the highest pheasant shoots in the UK. It is located on the edge of Snowdonia National Park and it is this natural topography, on a vast scale, that lends itself to presenting pheasants at the pinnacle of what is deemed reachable with a shotgun. Often described as "stratospheric" pheasant shooting that will create an adrenaline rush that will stay in your memory and last a lifetime.

The Brigands is home to the legendary drive 'Tommies' which has established itself as one of the elite pheasant drives in the UK based on height and landscape alone. It goes without saying that first class hospitality both in the field and at Bryn Cleifion Hall is second to none, with Lobster regularly featuring on the menu and freshly prepared pheasant gougjons being served in the field for elevenses.

COUNTY: Meirionnydd - Gwynedd

POST CODE: SY20 9HW

SEASON: 1st October – 1st February

QUARRY: Pheasant only





- *Personal thoughts* -

"Big thanks to the team at Brigands, for hosting such a great days shooting yesterday. I was very impressed with the whole day, from the catering to the highest birds I have ever shot at. First Class sport for sure, thank you."

Z. Ludgrove









This estate is home to the Dumbell family and sits either side of the English and Welsh border in the 'Viagra' valley. Established around an Iron Age barrow, it provides the elevation, topography and scenery for dramatic driven pheasant shooting. Kempton is synonymous with traditional, incredibly challenging Shropshire pheasants and elite partridges. As one of the first shoots added to our portfolio it has since regularly been featured in the top shoots in the UK and foreign sporting press.

The lodge sits on the pinnacle of the estate and offers a breathtaking panoramic view of both the Welsh and English borderlands and gives a preview of the days sporting adventure ahead of you.

COUNTY: Shropshire

POST CODE: SY7 8EP

SEASON: 1st October – 1st February

QUARRY: Pheasant only





KEMPTON
KENNEL

- Personal thoughts -

"Kempton has always been one of my favourite shoots. The stunning landscape and the challenge and variety of well presented birds on drives such as Brights, Viagra and The Oaks always provide a memorable day.

All of this is complemented by consistently excellent hospitality in the welcoming lodge and truly professional hosting."

A Palmer



BETTWS HALL
Sporting Estates







MAESMAWR HALL WYVEMOR

This 19th Century estate was originally laid out as a hunting retreat and is home of the Trant family. The hall itself is architecturally majestic and would not look out of place in the Bordeaux region of Southern France, were it not for the deceptively high pheasants exploding from the ancient oak woodland.

Drives such as 'Buttercups' and 'Fron Green' present tall pheasant and partridges driven from game crop and a mixture of deciduous and coniferous woodland towards guns that are located in deep valleys to ensure birds reach the line at high altitude. The addition of new drives in 2017, including 'Hanging Oaks' has added further scope to this resplendent estate and shows our commitment to ever improving our sport. This ensures that our repeat customers, of whom we have many, never tire of revisiting the same estates.

COUNTY: Montgomeryshire

POST CODE: SY21 9DD

SEASON: 1st October – 1st February

QUARRY: Mixed Pheasant and Partridge





MAESMAWR HALL MAESMAWR

- Personal thoughts -

"I have never shot (or tried to shoot more) such high or so many beautiful flying birds, it was very special indeed! Each drive was so picturesque & with the sun out & great company it just couldn't get any better."

A.R. Chantler









PLAS DINAM

The newest addition to the Bettws Hall offering, Plas Dinam encompasses in excess of five thousand acres of spectacular landscape with a mixture of open moorland, woodland, vertical hillsides and seemingly bottomless valleys. The natural topography couldn't be more suited to creating tremendous drives for both high and challenging pheasant and partridge, making it very unpredictable for anyone who takes on this magnificent estate. Even in its infancy 'Penrhyllin' and 'Stone House' are sneaking onto the bucket list for all high bird enthusiasts.

The house and grounds provide an exquisite backdrop for shooting guests, with lunches specially prepared in a spectacular glass roofed courtyard known as the 'the old Stables'. Originally built for the first Lord Davies, in 1884, it really is a tribute to Victorian architecture and creates a wonderful environment for guests to relax in and deliberate the days sport.

COUNTY: Montgomeryshire

POST CODE: SY17 5DQ

SEASON: 1st September – 1st February

QUARRY: Partridge only in September. Mixed Pheasant and Partridge for remainder of season.





- Personal thoughts -

"I can hardly think of any better drive anywhere than that third drive for sheer quality and variety of birds, from those screaming ones down the gulley to start, followed by some tremendous ones across the line to finish; truly spectacular and a real test of anyone who is a sporting fanatic."

R. Watson









Vaynor Park is the quintessential Welsh estate and family home to the Corbett-Winders. A traditional parkland estate, utilising natural Welsh rolling valleys to offer high pheasant and partridge driven from mature oak woodland to anticipating guns standing in open pasture.

The day is based out of the old stables block, but the welcome and hospitality is far removed from its original purpose. A warm and welcome greeting for new and returning guests will always await you for morning coffee in front of the open fire of the tack room.

With signature drives such as 'Hanging Wood' presenting a steady flow of high, climbing pheasants and partridge exploding in singles and huge coveys alike. Vaynor Park exudes everything that is synonymous with driven pheasant and partridge shooting in the UK. Sporting bliss, beautiful countryside and wonderful hospitality make this the jewel in our crown.

COUNTY: Montgomeryshire

POST CODE: SY21 8QE

SEASON: 1st October – 1st February

QUARRY: Mixed Pheasant and Partridge





- Personal thoughts -

"The birds were superb, the lowest shootable birds were higher than most high birds in Kent.

I would recommend this shoot to anyone, I will hopefully return for another day. Our host, the beaters and the picker ups made this a day to remember, and I certainly will!"

S. Clark







SCOTLAND & YORKSHIRE

GROUSE, THE PINNACLE OF DRIVEN GAME SHOOTING

This extraordinary wild bird has been the challenge for sportsmen for centuries and provides what many consider to be the pinnacle of game shooting. The 'Glorious Twelfth' announces the start of the U.K. Red Grouse shooting season.

Grouse is often seen as one of the most challenging birds to shoot due to it reaching speeds far in excess of any other game bird and it is extremely agile in the air. The birds themselves fly either singly or in packs, that can range from a normal family pack of seven to eight birds up to two hundred plus in later season.

REGION: Scotland & North Yorkshire
SEASON: 12th August – 10th December





SERVICES

We take care to offer the complete package here at Bettws Hall to ensure that when you book your days shooting all elements are thought of and taken care of in one simple booking procedure.

Chauffeur driven collection and drop off to and from anywhere in the UK

Taking care of any hotel, dining, theatre reservations or other activities

Visiting the UK's bespoke gunsmiths and outfitters for tailoring, fittings and consultations

Arranging instructors and visits to clay pigeon grounds before shooting on our premier estates

Days to local cultural and historical sites for those wanting to maximise their time in this charming corner of the UK

"In essence, anything you need, we can organise."





GUNROOM

The cellar at Bettws Hall is now our Gunroom and the centre of life at the lodges and accommodation complex. Home to some of the finest guns that can be used in the sporting field, for you to admire and try. We complement this with a small retail outlet offering clothing and accessories necessary for your days shooting should you forget a key item or simply want a treat.

We have a selection of hire guns which can be used if you intend to travel light when coming from overseas. Should you wish to travel from abroad with your own gun, we will gladly take all of the hassle out of this process by organising your visitor shotgun permit. Alternatively, we are happy to store your guns on a long-term basis, ensuring they are safe and accessible at all times.

When you require your guns, we shall ensure safe and prompt delivery to your sporting location in the UK.





ART & CLOTHING

We stock all the essentials you will need for a day in the field. Whether you're new to shooting and need to be 'kitted-out' or are an established shooter needing to replace your trusty socks we have everything you will need.

We stock the brands we have tried and tested ourselves ensuring the products quality and durability for our guests.

Schoffel, Pennine Socks, Le Chameau, Montana hats, John Field.

We work with internationally renowned artists such as Terence Lambert and Kaye Parmenter who provide us with fantastic paintings and striking sculpture that reflect the best of our sport.







TERENCE LAMBERT SCULPTURES

Terence Lambert, famous internationally for his beautiful and accurately observed paintings and book illustrations, is one of the finest ornithological artists of his generation.

Based locally in Montgomeryshire, and inspired by the natural beauty of our wildlife, he has now explored and mastered another medium, in the creation of eight superb sculptures of our game birds and other local species. As in his celebrated two-dimensional work, the birds have a narrative, are precise, alive, and bursting with elegant movement.

This is a very special opportunity for guests at Bettws Hall to view, admire and purchase them, at our lodges, with each piece offering its own unique character to its future custodian.

Together, Terence and the team at Bettws Hall hope you enjoy this inaugural collection of bronze artwork, produced in partnership to represent the glorious art of British birds.





SPORTING LODGES

We take hospitality very seriously and no day's shooting would be complete without the camaraderie and bonhomie before and after the day's sport. With this in mind, we have created three purpose-built, exclusive sporting lodges all of which are capable of holding a full team of guns.

Once settled into your private en-suite bedroom, our onsite spa is the perfect facility for you to unwind and relax. Each individual lodge has its own first class chef, providing the guests with sumptuous local produce and fine wine from all corners of the world.

All guests are treated to our four course dinner and fuelling shoot morning breakfast as well as having access to the open bar during their stay.

There is ample room to park securely and access to our charming gardens and ornamental lake, providing plenty of space to stretch your legs after the journey and take the dog for a wander ahead of your day.









BEECHES BEECHES?

The Beeches is an eight-bedroom lodge in the grounds of Bettws Hall. It has been renovated from an old cow barn to the highest standard, with shooting guests at the forefront of mind. It is tastefully decorated in a country lodge theme, giving a luxurious and welcoming feel. The vast lounge consists of a large sitting and dining area, making it ideal for pre-dinner aperitifs or talks late into the night around the fire.

All bedrooms are en-suite with satellite TV. There are five first-floor double rooms with king-size beds, one ground-floor double room with king-size bed, and two ground-floor twin rooms.

Adjacent to the lodge is a luxury private spa, with a sauna and indoor Jacuzzi. We can organise on-site beauty treatments to aid your relaxation on your shooting trip.







THE WILLOWS

The Willows is an eight-bedroom lodge situated in the grounds of Bettws Hall. It has been thoughtfully renovated to the highest standard and tastefully decorated, giving a luxurious and welcoming feel. The lodge offers a spacious living area for guests to relax in front of the open fireplace, a large dining room with a large table for pre shoot supper parties.

All bedrooms are en-suite: on the ground floor, there is one twin room, and one double room with king-size bed; on the first floor there is one twin room, and a further five double rooms with king-size beds.

There is ample parking and a large shared courtyard, along with delightful gardens.





BETTWS HALL HOUSE

The original family home has been renovated and recently refurbished in a luxurious Georgian style. Bettws Hall House is at the heart of our accommodation collection, offering a quieter space ideal for those travelling alone or in smaller parties.

With five boutique-style, en-suite bedrooms, which can be arranged as either double or twin. Each room is individually styled, all with unique features, walk-in showers, free standing baths and delightful views over the courtyard or lake and gardens.

The house has a splendid private dining room and separate lounge which are perfect for smaller groups and more intimate gatherings.







PLAS DINAM

Surrounded by twelve acres of gardens and woodland and set at the foot of rolling hills owned by the Dinam Estate, Plas Dinam is a magnificent, award winning mansion. It is always exciting when you first catch sight of the house as you arrive up the winding drive. For well over a century Plas Dinam has been a much-loved family home and now acts as a perfect base for your shooting adventure.

Available for exclusive use for your shooting party, Plas Dinam offers privacy and comfort. It has three resplendent and welcoming reception rooms, an amazing billiard room and up to ten bedrooms with their own bathrooms with period features throughout.

Still owned and run by the Davies family, you will receive a warm welcome at this lovely, historic home.





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